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1. "PARADE" MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT DISTRIBUTED WITH WASHINGTON POST

AND OTHER PAPERS THROUGHOUT U.S. ON JANUARY 22 CARRIED
FOLLOWING ARTICLE IN ITS "INTELLIGENCE REPORT" SECTION:

QUOTE: UNUSUAL BAN -- THE GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA (FORMERLY
CEYLON) IS CONSIDERING A LAW BANNING YOUNG WOMEN FROM LEAV-
ING THE COUNTRY. REASON: MANY ATTRACTIVE SRI LANKAN GIRLS
HAVE BEEN LURED INTO UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES IN THE OIL-RICH
STATES OF THE MIDDLE EAST. PRIME MINISTER J.R. JAYEWARDENE'S
UNITED NATIONAL PARTY GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROPOSE SUCH A
LAW. UNQUOTE.

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2. DEPT'S HUMAN RIGHTS PAPER FOR SRI LANKA BEING SUBMITTED
TO CONGRESS INDICATES THAT SRI LANKA DOES NOT RESTRICT
FOREIGN TRAVEL OR EMIGRATION. DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOW-
ING, THEREFORE, WHETHER THERE IS ANY BASIS FOR PARADE ARTICLE.
IS SUCH A LAW BEING CONSIDERED? IF SO, HAS IT BEEN INTRODUC-
ED IN LEGISLATURE, AND WHAT ARE PROSPECTS AND TIMING FOR ITS
PASSAGE? WOULD PROPOSAL RESTRICT ALL TRAVEL BY WOMEN, OR

ONLY ON BASIS OF GEOGRAPHICAL DESTINATION? VANCE

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